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Classified By: Ambassador Ronald L. Schlicher; Reason 1.4 (b) and (d)

- (C) On June 2, following Ambassador Schlicher's interventions with President Papadopoulos and Presidential Diplomatic Advisor Tasos Tzionis (ref b), the Cypriot MFA released a statement of support for our May 31 announcement on Iran.
- (U) Begin text of the MFA Statement: <u>¶</u>2.

The Cypriot government is pleased with the decision of the United States, as was announced on May 31, 2006 by the American Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice, to participate in the negotiations with Iran regarding Tehran,s nuclear program. Simultaneously, the government welcomes yesterday's agreement between France, Germany, the UK, Russia, China and the United States as regards the submission of proposals to Iran. The Cypriot government consistently supports the pursuit of a peaceful solution to the issue of the Iranian nuclear program through the diplomatic route and hopes that every strong effort will be made to avoid a crisis that will have unforeseeable and catastrophic consequences for regional peace and stability and the global economy.

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